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Executive Secretary 23 August 1982

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JOHN J. BRADY, JR. CHIEF OF STAFF

Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The General Accounting Office has been working with the staff of the Committee on Foreign Affairs over the last several weeks on an important study it has undertaken on United States-Israeli military cooperation and U.S. assistance programs for that country.

As part of the GAO's work on this project, it would like to have access to one of your publications which receives, we are told, fairly wide circulation in the government. We are referring to the "Arab-Israeli Military Balance: Five Year Assessment: 1982-1987", Volumes One and Two. This publication, which is updated continually, is apparently now available under the following two numbers: NIE 35/36-80 and NIE 35/36-82.

We respectfully request that the GAO have access to this document under terms and conditions acceptable to the Agency because we feel its contents are important for the study GAO is undertaking. Given the significance of U.S.-Israeli military relations and of the U.S. assistance program for Israel, we hope you agree that your own assessments can add a critical element to the report of the GAO to the Congress on this subject.

We trust that appropriate arrangements can be made on these matters. Berdes and Mike Van Dusen of the staff are available to discuss this matter with your staff.

We appreciate your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Lee H. Hamilton

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